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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Chief Minister's programme is fixed up long before he starts on tour. Simply because a letter was written to him just before he left for Salem, it did not mean that he should accept the invitation. Because the programme had already been fixed, there was no further time to be allotted. That was why the invitation had to be refused."

Income derived from the issue of green manure permits.

* 337 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the total income derived from the issue of green manure permits in the forests of the present Madras State during 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The ryots were permitted to freely remove green leaf manure from all ' fuel coupes ' one year in advance of their fellings. They were also allowed to freely remove green leaf manure from all ' special green leaf manure coupes ' in the reserved forests. In addition to these concessions, they were permitted to remove green leaf manure from other areas in reserved forests at reduced rates. The removals on payment at reduced rates were very few in view of these free concessions enjoyed by them. As a result the income derived from the issue of green manure permits has been very negligible. The exact amount, however, is not readily available."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" There are more than eight reserve forests in Gingee taluk. Green manure is allowed to be taken only from the Karai Reserve Forest, and not from the other forests. The people in the surroundings of these other forests are taking green manure on the basis of some understanding between them and the Forest Officers. Are the Government aware of this fact and will they be pleased to issue permits to the people to take green manure from all the reserve forests instead of from only one or two forests? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall request the hon. Member to give his proposal in writing. I shall certainly look into it."

SRI N. C. RAMASAMY KANDER :—" ஐயா, காட்டின் ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட பகுதியிலிருந்துதான் சில விவசாயிகள் பசுந்தழையை எடுத்துக் கொள்ளலாம் என்று சர்க்கார் அனுமதித்திருக்கிறார்கள். ஆனால் மற்ற கிராமவாசிகளுக்கு அந்தக் காட்டுப் பகுதியிலிருந்து பசுந்தழை எடுக்க வசதியில்லாமலிருக்கிறது. ஆகையால், எல்லா காடுகளிலிருந்தும் எல்லா விவசாயிகளும், தழை எடுக்கலாம் என்று அனுமதிப்பதற்குச் சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Hon. Members will appreciate that it is not in the interests of the forests themselves to remove all restrictions on the removal of green leaf manure."